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1. On 23 October 1953, the unit stationed in the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Rudolstadt returned to the installation. On 26 October, 20 to 25 x 35-mm AA guns were cleaned in the barracks yard. The 13 x 85-mm AA guns previously observed were seen in the open area in front of the installation. On 29 October, 90 troops received individual drill in the barracks yard. About 250 to 300 troops practised at the obstacle course in the meadow opposite the railroad station. Driving school was held in the barracks yard. On 7 November, an estimated 150 officers and 2,000 troops were seen during a roll call in the meadow near the railroad station. When the troops left 70 officers and 1,200 EM went to the Prinz Eugen Kaserne. Motor vehicles seen en route to and from the installation.

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The two gutted buildings in the south section of the installation were being reconditioned.

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2. Between 26 October and 12 November, the Flak Kaserne was occupied to capacity. Sentries observed wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. On 26 October, several 76.2-mm AT guns were seen in the barracks yard. On 7 November, 35 to 40 officers and 700 to 750 EM entered the Flak Kaserne, coming from the roll call in the meadow near the railroad station. Motor vehicles were seen en route to and from the installation.

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3. Between 26 October and 12 November, the former revenue office was occupied to capacity. Sentries seen wore red-bordered black epaulets. About 20 to 25 officers and about 300 troops entered the installation on 7 November, returning from the above mentioned roll call.

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4. The 12 to 14 four-story buildings, each with 6 apartments, at Sedan Platz, which had been relinquished by the Soviets 8 weeks ago, had again to be vacated prior to the return to the post of the units stationed there. Three generals were observed at the buildings.

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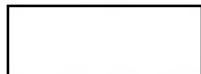
Comment. Headquarters and headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps were absent from the post after 7 October and participated in the maneuvers of the Eighth Gds Army. In November, the units can be carried in their installations i.e. the Prinz Eugen Kaserne can be carried as being occupied by the 497th AAA Regt (US), confirmed there by the AA guns:

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the Flak Kaserne by unidentified headquarters units; the 880th Engr Bn was repeatedly observed there [redacted] and the former revenue office by the Hq XXVIII Gds Mts Rifle Corps.

[redacted] Sedan [redacted] to Karl Marx Platz, immediately north of the revenue office. Officers' billets have been located there for several years. The confiscation of additional buildings is believed to result from the expected arrival from the USSR of officers' dependents, which was also reported from other posts.

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